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Sir:

In response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures dated August 1, 1997, Applicants supply the enclosed Sequence Listing comprising one (1) computer readable form (diskette) and one hundred and six (106) pages. The undersigned hereby certifies that the diskette and the paper copy of the Sequence Listing submitted herewith are identical to each other. The undersigned further certifies that this sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the International Application as filed.

Applicants respectfully request the enclosed paper copy of the Sequence Listing be entered into the specification of the application and made a part thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. This application contains sequence disclosures that are encompassed by the definitions for nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(a)(1) and (a)(2). However, this application fails to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825 for the reason(s) set forth on the attached Notice To Comply With Requirements For Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures.
2. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Mary K Zeman, Art Unit 1815, whose telephone number is (703)305-7133.
3. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.
4. Any questions regarding compliance with the sequence rules requirements specifically should be directed to the departments listed at the bottom of the Notice to Comply.
5. APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS LETTER WITHIN WHICH TO COMPLY WITH THE SEQUENCE RULES, 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in ABANDONMENT of the application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(g). Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. In no case may an applicant extend the period for response beyond the six month statutory period. Direct the response to the undersigned. Applicant is requested to return a copy of the attached Notice to Comply with the response.

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